(b) by conniving at indiscipline or by culpably neglecting to take proper action to enforce discipline and maintain the prestige of the office, as evidenced by—

(i) his conduct in merely 'pacifying' subordinates who conducted themselves disgracefully in his presence when strong action was called for in the interest of discipline;

(ii) his ineffective remarks in the running note file of a clerk's personal register;

(iii) his action in merely warning the Superviser under the Municipal Engineer, who had been reported for bad work five times by the Municipal Engineer; and

(iv) his dealing with the clerk under the Municipal Health Officer very leniently when the clerk was persistent in his defaults.

A petition requesting cancellation of the proceedings of the Inspector placing the Commissioner under suspension was received by Government from him, but the Government declined to interfere at that stage and rejected the petition. Government issued orders on 21st October 1947 viewing with extreme disfavour the irregularties committed by the Commissioner warning him severely and directing his reappointment. He was reappointed as Commissioner of the Tirunelveli Municipality on 6th January 1948. There was some unavoidable delay in reposting him as Commissioner, as there was no suitable vacancy in which he could be posted immediately. It was ordered that the period of his absence from the date of his suspension pending enquiry to the date of his rejoining duty should be treated as such leave as he was eligible for and he was permitted to draw the leave salary admissible to him under the rules.

"(c) No extra expenditure was involved in his case.

"(d) & (e) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (c)."

Retrenchment of workers in the King Institute, Guindy.

* 33 Q.—SRI P. R. K. SARMA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Director of the King Institute, Guindy, has submitted any proposals for retrenchment of workers and if the answer be in the affirmative what those proposals and the necessity for them are?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"The answer is in the negative."

SRI P. R. K. SARMA :—"May I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the Superintendent of the King Institute has actually informed several workers, that they have no work for them and that they would be retrenched and that representations have been made on this subject to the Hon. Minister?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—"I have no information, Sir, as to what the Director of the King Institute has done.

I believe that the Retrenchment Committee called for suggestions regarding retrenchment from heads of departments and perhaps in this connexion certain proposals might have been made by him. However, I have no information direct."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if there are proposals under consideration by the Government to extend the activities of the King Institute, Guindy?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Yes, Sir."

II.—NEW LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I may inform the House that the hon. Mr. Uppi Sahib has agreed to Dr. John taking his place. I therefore request Dr. John to take the place of the Leader of the Opposition."

(Dr. V. K. John took the place of the Leader of the Opposition amidst cheers.)

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" Mr. President, Sir, before I make my statement, I should like to apologize to you, and to this House for not being present here on the 3rd and yesterday, the 4th, owing to some unavoidable happenings. This morning when I opened the papers in the train, I found that my absence in the House became a matter for discussion. Sir, I am very much obliged to you and to the House for the great consideration which you have shown to me and to my party yesterday. It was said that a letter was sent to me, but unfortunately for me, owing to my absence from my home for the last three days, I could not see that letter and I am extremely sorry that an impression was given that I did not reply to your letter, Sir."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" There was no such impression; on the other hand, the impression was that the hon. Member was away at Delhi."

K. UPPI SAHIB BAHADUR :—" I thank you, Sir, that in spite of my apparent neglect, you have been good enough to treat me with such consideration. However, I apologize to you, Mr. President, for that omission.

" Now, Sir, we, the Muslim League Party was the main opposition in this House till now. It was not of our own seeking. It was a mere accident that we were made the opposition party. The Government themselves will admit that we were not an opposition party, merely for opposition. We were co-operating with the Government whenever we thought that co-operation was necessary and criticising them, whenever we thought that criticism was necessary, but our criticisms were always constructive and not destructive. I assure the Government, that as a party, we will be co-operating with the Government as well as criticising them, whenever we feel that such criticisms are necessary.

" As regards the newly formed party, I wish to say only one word. Let it be a true party. I do not want to say more. How that party is formed is a matter of public knowledge. I congratulate